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SUBJ: SPAWR OPTICAL RESEARCH, INC., CORONA, CALIFORNIA, AND
ORIEL OPTIK GMBH, DARMSTADT: OEA/CD CASE NUMBER 23 (78)-2

REF: (A) STATE A-1895; (B) STATE 170319; FRANKFURT 5461

1. CONGEN EXCON OFFICER INTERVIEWED W.R. WEBER OF ORIEL OPTIK GMBH AFTERNOON OF JULY 17. WEBER FREELY ADMITTED THAT ALL ITEMS CONTAINED IN ENCLOSURES 2, 3 AND 4 WERE SOLD TO MASHPRIBORINTORG, MOSCOW, ACTING AS PURCHASING AGENT FOR, HE BELIEVES, MOSCOW UNIVERSITY, NUCLEAR DEPARTMENT AND/OR INSTITUTE FOR HIGH TEMPERATURES. WEBER STATES THAT ITEMS IN ENCLOUSRE 2 WERE SHIPPED TO ORIEL IN GERMANY AFTER SPAWR TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD CAUGHT THE OEA LYING TO HIM AND HAD ENLISTED THE AID OF HIS CONGRESSMAN TO ARRANGE FOR NECESSARY EXPORT DOCUMENTS. AS CORRESPONDENCE IN ENCLOSURE 6 INDICATES LICENCE FOR ITEMS IN ENCLOSURES 3 AND 4 WAS DENIED. HOWEVER, SPAWR TOLD WEBER THAT HE, SPAWR, HAD FOULD A WAY TO WORK WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE A LICENSE AND ASKED WEBER TO HANDLE THE SHIPMENT AS SPAWR'S AGENT AND NOT THROUGH ORIEL OPTIK. WEBER STATED THAT THIS IDEA PLEASED HIM BECAUSE HE THEN WAS ABLE TO TAKE THE ENTIRE COMMISSION FOR THE MIRROS FOR HIMSELF AND DEPOSIT IT IN A SWISS BANK, THUS AVOIDING GERMAN INCOME TAX.

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2. THESE GOODS, ENCLOSURES 3 AND 4, NEVER ENTERED GERMANY. THE ENTIRE TRANSACTION WAS HANDLED THROUGH SWISS FREIGHT FORWARDERS AND BANKS. WEBER REQUESTED THAT HIS DISCLOSURE ABOUT AX AVOIDANCE BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. WEBER ALSO STATED THAT HE MAY HAVE HAND-CARRIED SOME OF THE MIRRORS, IN ENCLOSURES 2, FROM THE UNITED STATES BUT THAT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER WHETHER MIRROS TAKEN WERE FOR ORIEL'S

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STOCK OR FOR MASHPRIBORINTORG. MRS. SPAWR'S STATEMENT THAT WEBER HAD FIRST ASKED FOR FALSE INVOICES WAS LABLED AS SELF-SERVING BY WEBER.

3. ORDER BOOKS AND INVOICES OF ORIEL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CONGEN EXCON OFFICER FOR EXAMINATION WEEK OF JULY 31. OFFICER NEEDS GUIDANCE TO DISPOSE OF CASE. WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED AS EVIDENCE? ARE INVOICES AND ORDER BOOKS TO BE PHOTOCOPIED AND CERTIFIED AS TRUE AND ORIGINAL COPIES? IS WEBER NEEDED AS WITNESS IN CASE AGAINST SPAWR? SHOULD ANYTHING BE DISCLOSED TO FRG OFFICIALS ABOUT WEBER'S TAX AVOIDANCE? PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED WITH CASE, IF WEBER IS TO BE QUESTIONED FURTHER, SPECIFIC INTERROGATORIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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